

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

**NEW SAFE ACT**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, after receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety

and Health; Roslyn C. Wade, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minneapolis; Harry C. Alford, Jr., National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and Margaret Seminario, Department of Occupational Safety and Health (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; Robert J. Cornell, Mon Valley Petroleum, Inc., McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Edwin J. Foulke, Jr., Jackson, Lewis, Schnitzler and Krupman, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Scott Hobbs, Hobbs, Inc., New Canaan, Connecticut, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Gayla McCluskey, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Radnor, Pennsylvania; and Curtis McGuire, Redlegs Lumper Service, Columbus, Ohio.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 51 public bills, H.R. 973–1023; 3 private bills, H.R. 1024–1026; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36, H. Con. Res. 41, and H. Res. 97–98, were introduced. **Pages H1011–13**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 819, to authorize Appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–42). **Page H1010**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H959**

**Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act:** The House passed H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance by ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 33. **Pages H966–977**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H976**

**Agreed To:**

The Fowler amendment that allows a state, in lieu of repair, to receive a 90 percent contribution of the Federal repair estimate for alternative projects in areas with unstable soil; specifies that victims shall not be denied assistance solely on the basis of an application or receipt of other Federal financial assistance, including aid from the SBA; and requires public comment before adopting new or modified disas-

ter assistance policy and prohibits any policy that would retroactively reduce the amount of assistance provided to a State or local government; and **Page H975**

The Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the Buy American Act and provides for the debarment of persons convicted of fraudulent use of "Made in America" labels. **Pages H975–76**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 91, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. **Pages H964–65**

**Condolences on the Death of the Hon. Morris K. Udall:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 40, honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death. **Pages H978–86**

**Meeting Hour—March 8:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 8. **Page H986**

**Meeting Hour—March 9:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, for morning-hour debate. **Page H986**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 10. **Page H986**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Buyer wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary. Without objection, the resignation was accepted. **Pages H986–87**

**Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and**

**Technology Development:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Dr. Jill Shapiro, Ph.D. to the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Condit wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Government Reform. Without objection, the resignation was accepted.

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**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1014–16.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H976–77. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and a public witness.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, held a hearing on The Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Chairman, Committee on the Budget; Judge Lawrence L. Piersol, U.S. District Court, District of South Dakota, member, Committee on the Budget; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, member, Executive Committee; and Judge Rya W. Zobel, United

States District Court, District of Massachusetts; Director, Federal Judicial Center.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander in Chief, Korea.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Personnel Issues/Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy DeLeon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); and Sue Bailey, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

### FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Joel Williamson, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management, Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior: Tom Fry, Director; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Director; and Lawrence Benna, Budget Officer.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Eye Institute, and on the Director of NIH and Office of Director Panel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director; Jack McLaughlin, M.D., Deputy Director;